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The following is a description of my role during the shooting incident at Platte Canyon High School on September 27, 2006.

On September 27, 2006, at approximately 11:45am, I was informed of an incident occurring at the Platte Canyon High School in Bailey, Colorado. Upon returning to the 911 Communications Center, I received further information about a gunman in the building and I responded to the scene with Communications Officer, Kim Beaman (Kim is also a bus driver for the school district). Upon arrival, I checked in with Incident Command on Highway 285, Chief Jeff Davis, and asked if he needed anything from me. He asked that I enter the Administrative Building and assist in the coordination of evacuating students from the building to school buses. After entering the building, I met with Superintendent Jim Walpole. Together we arranged to have school buses respond to the east side of the building. Kim Beaman was given my OEM vehicle and was tasked with leading all buses into the scene. The buses first went around the scene via the Dump Road and picked up all high school students that had evacuated on the west side of the high school. Once those students were out of danger, the buses were then led to the east end of the Administrative Building where we led all students out the back door of the school (North side) onto the buses. They were then all taken to Deer Creek Elementary School where parents picked them up.

Prior to the evacuation of students, we monitored the hallways, re-grouped all students into one location, and assisted the principle with student accountability. I also assisted PCSO Investigations by tracking down two students wanted for questioning regarding this incident. I led them to the boardroom across the hall from the Administrative Offices where investigators met them for interviews.

Once all students were evacuated from the building, and the halls were cleared, I returned to the Incident Command Post on Highway 285. Upon learning that nothing was needed from me at that time, I responded to Sheriff Wegener's location to await further instructions. Kim Beaman returned with the OEM vehicle at this time and joined me. Shortly after my arrival, the SWAT Team made entry into Room 206 in the High School. Once Emily Keyes was flown to Denver, the Sheriff asked me to coordinate the CISM debriefings for the following day and to work with Victim's Advocates regarding any counseling for students and staff. Mary Pat Bowen and I met and agreed that Victim's

Advocates would be responsible for the general public, while I would be responsible for responders. Two debriefings were scheduled for the following day: one for law enforcement personnel and one for fire and EMS personnel. At approximately 6:35pm I was released from scene and returned to my office at the 911 Communications Center in Fairplay.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact my office at (719) 836-4372. Thank you.



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